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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE-PROVINCE  
AFFILIATION BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF THE PHILIPPINES.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand  
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing  
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people  
4 of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific countries; and  
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6 WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii  
7 has established a number of sister-state agreements with  
8 provinces in the Pacific region; and  
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10 WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the  
11 United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines,  
12 there continue to exist valid reasons to promote international  
13 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both  
14 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity as it serves  
15 the common interests of both countries; and  
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17 WHEREAS, there are historical precedents exemplifying the  
18 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and  
19 financial bridge between ethnic Filipinos living in Hawaii with  
20 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the  
21 Philippines, such as the previously established sister-city  
22 relationship between the City and County of Honolulu and the  
23 City of Cebu in the Province of Cebu; and  
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25 WHEREAS, similar state-province relationships exist between  
26 the State of Hawaii and the Provinces of Cebu, Ilocos Norte,  
27 Ilocos Sur, and Pangasinan, whereby cooperation and  
28 communication have served to establish exchanges in the areas of  
29 business, trade, agriculture and industry, tourism, sports,



1 health care, social welfare, and other fields of human endeavor;  
2 and  
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4 WHEREAS, a similar state-province relationship would  
5 reinforce and cement this common bridge for understanding and  
6 mutual assistance between ethnic Filipinos of both the State of  
7 Hawaii and the Province of Bohol; and  
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9 WHEREAS, Bohol is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest island in the  
10 Philippines, and being the number one producer of agricultural  
11 products in the Visayas region, listing rice, corn, and coconut  
12 as a few of its major crops, agriculture is one of its  
13 dominating economic sectors, but Bohol is also home to many  
14 notable tourist attractions including Chocolate Hills, Laboc  
15 River and the Philippine Tarsier, making tourism another one of  
16 its major industries much like Hawaii; now, therefore;  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
20 Session of 2015, that Governor David Ige of the State of Hawaii,  
21 or his designee, be authorized and is requested to take all  
22 necessary actions to establish a state-province affiliation with  
23 the Province of Bohol in the Republic of the Philippines; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor or his designee is  
26 requested to keep the Legislature of the State of Hawaii fully  
27 informed of the process in establishing the affiliation and  
28 involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Bohol be  
31 afforded the privileges and honors that Hawaii extends to its  
32 sister states and provinces; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if by June 30, 2016, the state-  
35 province affiliation with the Province of Bohol has not reached  
36 a sustainable basis by providing mutual economic benefits  
37 through local community support, the state-province affiliation  
38 shall be withdrawn; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
41 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,



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1 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
 2 United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's Congressional  
 3 delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the President  
 4 of the Republic of the Philippines through its Honolulu  
 5 Consulate General, and the Governor and Provincial Board of the  
 6 Province of Bohol, Republic of the Philippines.

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